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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Integrate and Refine Procurement Policies and Consider Long-Term Procurement Plans.

Rulemaking 13-12-010
(Filed December 19, 2013)

ORDER EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE**Summary**

This decision extends the statutory deadline in this proceeding to July 4, 2016.

1. Background

Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a) provides that ratesetting cases must be resolved within 18 months of the date the scoping memo is issued unless the Commission makes findings why that statutory deadline cannot be met and issues an order extending the 18-month deadline for a period not exceeding 60 days. The scoping memo in this proceeding was issued on May 6, 2014, and anticipated that this proceeding was going to be resolved on May 5, 2016, within 24 months of the date of the issuance of the scoping memo

On December 19, 2013, the Commission instituted this rulemaking to integrate and refine procurement policies and to consider long-term procurement plans. This proceeding is the successor proceeding to rulemakings dating back to 2001 to ensure that California's major investor-owned utilities can maintain electric supply procurement responsibilities on behalf of their customers. A new successor Rulemaking ((R.) 16-02-007) to this proceeding has already been

opened by the Commission to consider new integrated resources planning requirements and additional long-term procurement planning (LTPP) policies.

There are two remaining activities due to be completed in this proceeding prior to its closure: 1) the issuance of an Assigned Commissioner's Ruling (ACR) approving the Assumptions and Scenarios that will be used for the next round of LTPP analysis, as well as the 2016-2017 Transmission Planning Process of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO);¹ and 2) a decision addressing modeling approaches.² Comments have been received on the record of this proceeding from parties on both of these topics. We anticipate that both the ACR and decision adoption can be completed expeditiously, but because of public comment requirements for a proposed decision, these cannot be completed before the current statutory expiration date of May 5, 2016.

Therefore, a 60-day extension of the statutory deadline to July 4, 2016, is necessary to allow the assigned Commissioner to issue the ruling on assumptions and scenarios, and for the full Commission to consider a proposed decision addressing modeling.

2. Waiver of Comment Period

Under Rule 14.6(c)(4) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Commission may reduce or waive the period for public review and comment of proposed decisions extending the deadline for resolving

¹ This document is related to a "process alignment" commitment made by the Commission with the CAISO and the California Energy Commission. More information is available at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/General.aspx?id=6617>.

² The modeling issues are summarized in a November 16, 2015 Staff Proposal and ALJ ruling in this proceeding.

ratesetting proceedings. Accordingly, the otherwise applicable period for public review and comment is being waived.

3. Assignment of Proceeding

Michael Picker is the assigned Commissioner and Julie A. Fitch is the assigned Administrative Law Judge in this proceeding.

Findings of Fact

1. The statutory deadline for resolving this ratesetting proceeding is May 5, 2016.
2. A 60-day extension of the statutory deadline is necessary to allow Commission consideration of a proposed decision on modeling approaches, and for the assigned Commissioner to issue a ruling approving assumptions and scenarios for planning purposes for 2016 and beyond.

Conclusion of Law

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commission under Pub. Util. Code § 1701.5(a), the statutory deadline should be extended to July 4, 2016.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The statutory deadline in this proceeding is extended until July 4, 2016.
2. Rulemaking 13-12-010 remains open.

This order is effective today.

Dated _____, at San Francisco, California.